

**Regulation and Policy**  
**The Place, Richmond, Virginia**  
**August 7, 2008**  
**3:00**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Jason Campbell Jim Chandler David Hoback Ed Rhodes Karen Wagner Anthony Wilson	Gary Critzer Jennie Collins, Chair Greg Woods	Gary Brown Scott Winston Mike Berg, Excused	Chad Blosser Randy Abernathy Tim Perkins Byron Andrews L. V. Pokey Harris Warren Short Greg Neiman Ken Crumpler Jackie Hunter, Recorder

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<b>Call to Order</b>	The call to order was given at 3:02 by Jim Chandler	
<b>Introduction</b>	Was given by Jim Chandler and Board Members, The following items were added to the agenda under New Business by Jim Chandler, they were: Stroke Triage, Possession of certification cards on person.	
<b>Approval of Minutes for the April 22, 2008 work session</b>	Motion was made to accept the minutes of the 04/22/08 meeting was given by Jim Chandler, and seconded by Karen Wagner. The motion was passed.	
<i>Unfinished Business</i>		
<b>OMD Language</b>	The committee is concerned about the use of the word “direct” in 12VAC5-31-1880 B.4. Many on the committee felt the language as written could potentially circumvent the chain of command by allowing EMS personnel to go “directly” to the OMD without first advising their immediate supervisor. Jim Chandler advised the committee language appears in two different sections of the EMS Regulations because one relates to the requirement of an EMS agency to have an OMD (590) and the other section describes the relationship between the OMD and EMS agency (1880). The committee should include the complete language in 590 and 1880 should refer back to 590 (pursuant to section 590 in the EMS Regulations). Also, the committee understands the concern about OMD protections and OMD authority, but felt those items are best handled by the AG.	<b>The committee felt 590 and 1880 should be combined and strike the word “direct” in each section. Ed Rhodes makes motion to remove the word “direct” from the regulations. Karen Wagner seconds the motion. The motion is accepted.</b>

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<b>Medevac – equipment suggestions</b>	The committee wants the word “ground” (EMS vehicle) added to section 750(3). The use of a siren on a helicopter should not be required. The regulations should remain silent on the matter allowing an air medical service to use a siren as an optional piece of equipment.	<b>The motion was made by Jim Chandler to add the word “ground” to 750(3). It was seconded by Dave Hoback. Motion is passed.</b>
<i>New Business</i>		
<b>DDNR Proposed Language</b>	Members of the committee requested to receive the complete draft of the DDNR Regulations.	<b>Scott will distribute to committee members.</b>
<b>“Agency” liability coverage requirement - discussion</b>	Members of the committee requested additional information about professional liability coverage versus performance bonds. Perhaps, the committee thought, the requirement for a performance bond by an agency would provide some resources to a locality should an agency not complete its contract (assuming it was under contract to the locality). However most on the committee did not support this requirement. Individuals wanted to know if EMS agencies are adequately covered for civil liability. It was suggested to request Page, Wolfberg and Wirth to evaluate the VA EMS Regulations to determine if adequate coverage exists in VA. The committee also request OEMS staff to look at case history.	<b>It was suggested to request Page, Wolfberg and Wirth to evaluate the VA EMS Regulations to determine if adequate coverage exists in VA. The committee also request OEMS staff to look at case history.</b>
<b>Need to require possession of certification card on person</b>	OCP is developing a First Responder Authentication Card (FRAC). The committee supports the concept of issuing a durable certification card and requiring the card to be carried on their person by EMS personnel. It is the consensus of the committee to require it either on the person or in the emergency vehicle, readily accessible, and to allow a 24 hour period to produce it if inspected and caught without.	<b>The committee wants additional information on durable certification/ID cards.</b>
<i>Next Meeting</i>	Next meeting date is scheduled for November 20, 2008 @ 3:00 pm. Mike Berg and Chair will workout meeting agenda.	
<i>Adjournment</i>	The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.	